

Provo persists in search for a 'novel' idea to fund new library

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PROVO — The saga of the Provo library continued Wednesday at City Council meeting with the same result, or non-result, of previous meetings.

Council members heard three proposals for building a new library, but made no decision, saying they would continue to study the matter. Funding the construction seems a major obstacle.

"One of the problems we are facing in the city is that we have used up every dime in our reserves to work on flood control," said Councilman Martin Merrill.

"We have to do something about our streets and the storm drains to get them back in shape," he said.

The current library is far too small, said Larry Horton, library director. It was built for a community of 17,000; now Provo's population is near 78,000.

The city, the library board, and many residents agree that a larger library is needed.

But there is disagreement as to where a new facility should be located.

years.

The financing of the project is negotiable, said Knell.

"We would finance the project with what we feel is a good deal, but there is always the possibility that Provo City can obtain financing cheaper than we can get," he said.

Knell and associate developer Kent Talbot said they hoped for the city to get the best deal possible.

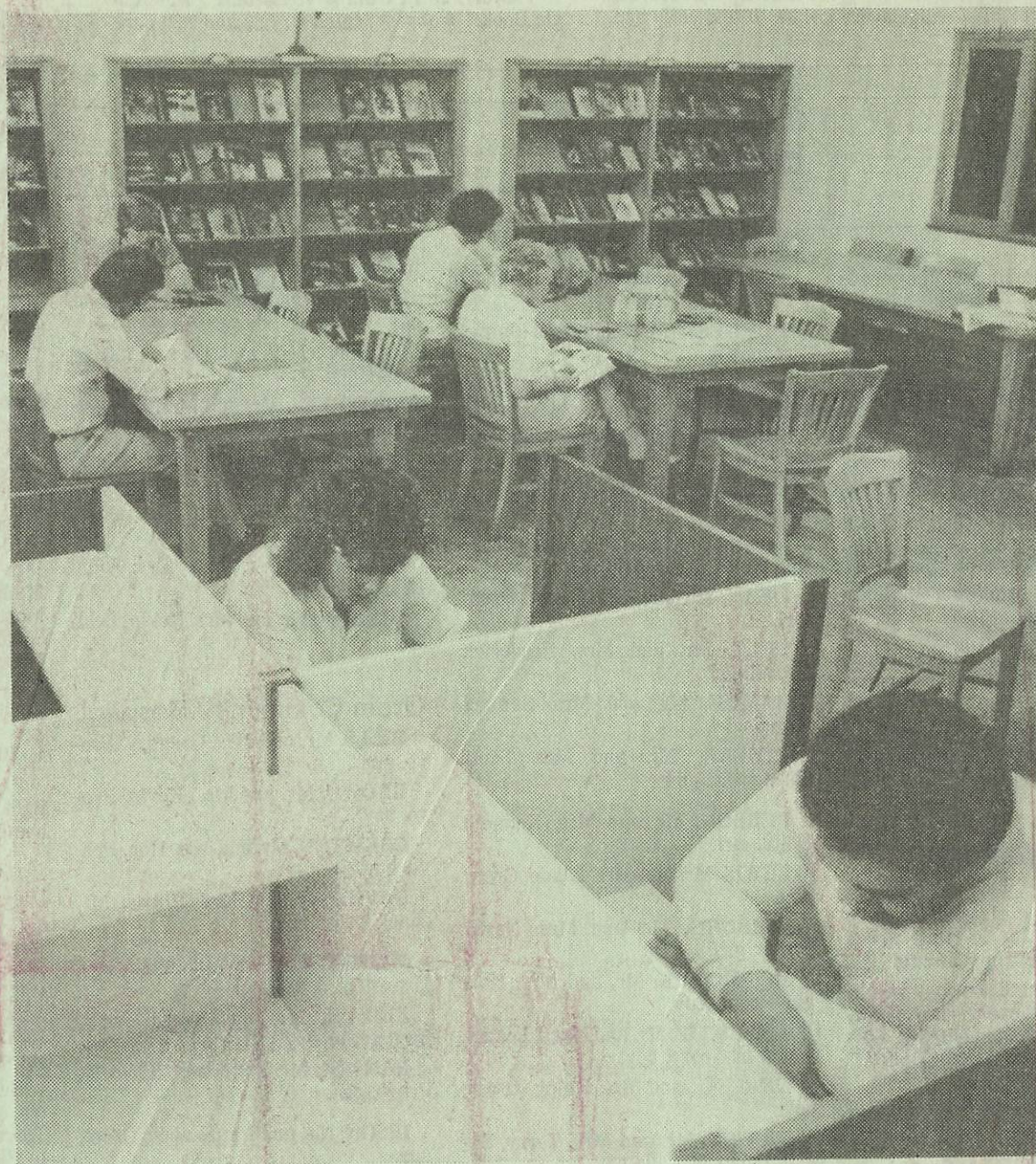
The yearly rent on the proposed library would be about \$240,000. The library would cost about \$8 a square foot to build, Knell said.

Saying they have weighed all proposals, members of the library board said this option would best serve the needs of the people and the library.

"We looked hard at what would be the best facility. When we looked at all the cost and the parking, the new building came out first," said Horton.

But some, city officials and residents alike, want to see a library housed in tandem with a city cultural center.

And many of the groups believe



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Provo's library, which was built for a town of 17,000, now serves some 78,000.

Library

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"Mayor Jim Ferguson told us that someone promised him a \$1 million donation for the project," he said.

BYU's president Jeff Holland has set up a committee to work on the preservation of the Academy.

"I've spoke with a lot of students and alumni that are offering to do anything to help," he said.

The cost of redeveloping the square into a library would be about about the same as a new building. The price per square foot would be about \$7.50.

The third option for the library was proposed by businesswoman Joanne Losee.

Mrs. Losse, owner of the Kress building on Center Street in the heart of downtown Provo, said that building would be the best all-around location for a library. She is proposing the city purchase that building from her.

"When we are talking economics and dollars, the Kress building is more affordable than the other options," she said.

The building, at 105 W. Center, has 30,000 square feet, with space avail-

were found dead; cages had not
of waste; and the dogs were going

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od rating from the Humane Soci-
yor Sandra Peterson. "For the first
mane Society couldn't find any-
with the kennel."

ministration was also under fire
esidents for a policy that put a low
nimal control in favor of attending
lems first. The city was chastised
ir animal control officer and sell-
al control truck. On at least two
ry citizens crowded into city hall
ncil meeting and demanded action
problem.

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ime animal control officer. "Don
Don Knox) had applications from
ut found one resident in town that
about. So we appr ved him to
s a week," said Mayor Peterson.

ets roof pact

AN FORK — The council consid-
pment, door-to-door soliciting and
r the library at its meeting this

cil awarded Collins Roofing the
at a new roof on the library. The
mitted a bid of \$12,007. Officials
ke three weeks to complete the
it is started.

"Ghostbusters," ★★, rated PG (violence, sex,
profanity, vulgarity), 2, 4:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m.;

Huish, 98 W. Utah Ave. 465-2451. "The Jun-
gle Book," ★★★★★, rated G, 7:30 and 9:20 p.m.

Utah County births

Utah Valley Hospital

ADAMSON, Mr. and Mrs. Robert,
Provo, boy.

BURGESS, Mr. and Mrs. James,
Provo, boy.

CHADWICK, Mr. and Mrs. Dean,
Provo, boy.

CHERRY, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Pro-
vo, boy.

DAHL, Mr. and Mrs. David, Provo,
boy.

DAVIES, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie, Ster-
ling Hills, Mich., girl.

DEAN, Mr. and Mrs. Roger, Orem,
girl.

FELT, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick,
Provo, girl.

KAMOE, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel,
Provo, girl.

KIMBER, Mr. and Mrs. Scott,
Springville, girl.

LEBBON, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth,
Delta, girl.

LEWIS, Mr. and Mrs. Glade, Orem,
girl.

LIMBURG, Mr. and Mrs. Nevin,
Provo, girl.

MCCORMICK, Mr. and Mrs. Ron-
ald, Provo, boy.

CLEMENTS, Mr. and Mrs. Albert,
American Fork, girl.

COX, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne, Alpine,
boy.

DIXON, Mr. and Mrs. Charles,
Orem, girl.

GREGORY, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen,
Pleasant Grove, girl.

JOHNSON, Mr. and Mrs. Mark,
American Fork, boy.

MITCHELL, Mr. and Mrs. Mark,
Pleasant Grove, boy.

ROSEMAN, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin,
Lehi, boy.

RUSSON, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin, Lehi,
boy.

Orem Community Hospital

BILLS, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory, Pro-
vo, girl.

BROWN, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin, Pro-
vo, boy.

CHRISTEN, Mr. and Mrs. Ron, Pro-
vo, boy.

DAVID, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mi-
chael, Delta, boy.

FAIRBANKS, Mr. and Mrs. Earl,
Evanston, Wyo., boy.

years. He served as a government egg
inspector. He was a charter member
of the Farm Bureau Association, and
a board member for the Springville
Irrigation Company. He was a mem-
ber of The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints, serving in the Sun-
day School presidency, and in the Sev-
enties Quorum presidency. He was a
high priest and served as secretary
for many years.

He is survived by three daughters
and two sons: Mrs. David (Rada) Nu-
sink, Mrs. Eric (Noralee) Bird and
Sherl Max Miner, all of Springville;
Don Rodney Miner, American Fork;
Douglas Ray Miner, Pueblo, Colo.; 23
grandchildren; two brothers; Blaine
Miner and Clyde Miner, Springville;
sister, Mrs. Clara Patterson, Draper.
He was preceded in death by a broth-
er, Kenneth, and sister, Eva.

Funeral services will be held 11
a.m. Saturday in the Springville 2nd-
14th-24th LDS Ward Chapel, 451 S.
Main. Friends may call at the Wheeler
Mortuary, 211 E. Second South,
Springville, on Friday from 7-9 p.m. or
Saturday morning from 9:30-10:30.
Burial will be in the Springville Ever-
green Cemetery.

Carl LeRoy Backlund

PLEASANT GROVE — Carl LeRoy
Backlund, 68, died Aug. 28, 1984, at his
home.

He was born Feb. 2, 1916, in San
Diego, Calif., the son of John and Ma-
ria Johanna Carlson Backlund. He
married Louise Walker on June 18,
1939, in Long Beach, Calif. Their mar-
riage was solemnized in the Mesa,
Ariz. LDS Temple.

Johnson, Salt Lake City; Rev. John
ard Johnson, Orem; Deron Bradley
Johnson, Mrs. Leroy (Sherry Lynn)
Lutes and Mrs. Glen (Renee) Pack, all
of Pleasant Grove; 15 grandchildren;
19 step-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 11
a.m. Friday in the Manila Stake Chap-
el, 1800 N. 105 West, Pleasant Grove.
Friends may call at the Olpin Family
Mortuary, 500 S. Third East, Pleasant
Grove, Thursday evening 7-9, and Fri-
day one hour before services at the
church. Burial will be in the Pleasant
Grove Cemetery.

Reva Ahman

PLEASANT GROVE — Reva Jose-
phine West Ahman, 82, died Aug. 28,
1984, in a Pleasant Grove Care Center,
after a long illness.

She was born Jan. 23, 1902, in Pleas-
ant Grove, the daughter of Nathaniel
and Josephine Dickerson West. She
married Vernon J. Ahman on Nov. 21,
1945, in Evanston, Wyo. Their mar-
riage was solemnized in the Salt Lake
LDS Temple.

She was a school teacher for 30
years. She was active in music, sing-
ing, piano and organ. She was a mem-
ber of The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints and was a church
organist for several years.

She is survived by her husband,
Pleasant Grove; daughter, Mrs. Robert
(Marianne) Baker, Mountain
Home, Idaho; five grandchildren;
brothers and sister; Brian F. West,
Provo; Eleroy R. West, Vance M. West
and Geneva Warnick, Pleasant Grove.

Funeral services will be held 11

Nursing Home needs
a weekly bowling

Training School needs
as 4-H helpers Satur-
Hours flexible, long-
ment desired.

Developmental Care
volunteers for one-on-
al activities.

School needs volun-
work, accompanist for
s, preparing bulletin
lping in lunch room.

Elderly Care Center needs
help with exercise

Hollow Rest Home in
people to teach pre-read-
tients.

legally can

some areas which have
ted as cutting areas
plentiful," he said.

information may be ob-
he supervisor's office

See LIBRARY on U-2

England claims there will be an
a lot of support from BYU alumni
and citizens who would like to see

The proposed library could be
ready for operation in about one
year.

"We feel we could have a state of
the art library in that building and
the only difference would be the
look on the outside of the building."

Committee members believe the
library would be the foundation for
the cultural center that eventually
would include a museum, a theater
and retail stores.

Academy Square has more than
enough room for the library, he
said. There is 40,000 square feet all

land, spokesman for the group.
ed and wanted, said Eugene Eng-
BYU campus but are now privately

Residents supporting that idea
have formed a non-profit group to
promote it.

Three options were presented
and reviewed at the meeting.
Developer Lee Knell has pro-
posed a 30,000-square-foot library
on city-owned land adjacent to the
City Center.

"Such a combined center is need-
ed to provide the much-needed
center. We have relied too long on
BYU to provide the cultural

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library, but we also need a cultural
center. We have relied too long on
BYU to provide the much-needed